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FOLLOWING EDITORIAL APPEARED IN IRISH TIMES
MARCH 7, 1978 UNDER HEADING FLYING VISIT:

MARSHAL TITGON WHO STOPPED DOWN AT SHANNON YESTERDAY,
ALTHOUGH IN HIS 86TH YEAR, IS STILL ONE OF THE MOST
FORMIDABLE AND INTERESTING OF LEADERS AMONGST THE
COMMUNIST NATIONS. HE ASSERTED THE INDEPENDENCE OF
HIS NATION WITHIN THE COMMUNIST ZONE OF INFLUENCE
WHEN IT WAS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE ACT. THE MARSHAL,
INDEED, IS NOT YET FULLY TRUSTED BY THE RUSSIANS.
IT IS THEY WHO CALL THE TUNE IN THAT AREA, AS THE
HUNGARIANS AND OTHER FREE NATIONS HAVE REASON TO
REMEMBER.

TITO IS NO LESS A COMMUNIST IN HIS VIEW BECAUSE
HE BELIEVES IN THE INDEPENDENCE OF YUGOSLAVIA.
HE DOES NOT ACCEPT THE SAME VALUES OF LIBERTY THAT
ARE PART OF OUR HERITAGE IN THE WESTERN WORLD. HE
HAS PROVED THAT HE CAN SUPPRESS HIS OPPONENTS JUST
AS RUTHLESSLY AS STALIN HAS DONE IN THE PAST WHEN
HIS CONCEPT OF THE COMMUNIST SYSTEM IS THREATENED.
THAT IDEAL, WHICH IS ENSHRINED NOW IN SO MANY PARTS
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OF THE WORLD, SEEMS TO DEMAND TOTAL OBEDIENCE FROM
ITS ADHERENTS IN THE SAME WAY AS SUPPORTERS OF
RIGHT-WING AMERICAN CAPITALISM BELIEVE THAT IT
IS A SYSTEM WITHOUT BLEMISH.

TITO, WHO NOW PERSONIFIES YUGOSLAVIAN IS
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HIS WAY TO AMERICA WHERE HE WILL BE WELCOMED BY
PRESIDENT CARTER, AND CLEARLY HE IS A MAN WHO IS
WILLING AT LEAST TO HEAR THE OTHER SIDE AND IS,
AS ALWAYS, READY TO PROJECT STRONGLY HIS OWN VIEWS,
AND THAT OF HIS NATION.
THE MORE CONTACT THERE IS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST THE
BETTER IT IS FOR ALL OF US. WE BOTH HAVE MUCH TO
LEARN FROM OUR WIDELY DIFFERENT SYSTEMS OF GOVERNMENT.
UNDER PRESIDENT CARTER, AMERICA CLEARLY IS IN A
LISTENING AND LEARNING MOOD. IT WOULD NOT BE BAD
FOR THE WORLD IF OTHER GREAT POWERS LEARNED FROM
HIS EXAMPLE. KRENE

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